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It has been remarked that no one ever expects to see anything humorous in a comic paper, and now a writer in the *Far Eastern Review* bids us abandon expectation of finding in commercial reports any information of business value. Not to misrepresent him, Mr. JOSEPH J. KEEGAN, who describes himself as "a practical business man with sufficient experience in foreign markets to enable him to judge fairly," devotes his strictures to what he calls "the absence of value" in the "Daily Consular and Trade Reports" issued by the American Bureau of Manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labour. There is no sort of divinity hedging practical business men; they are more approachable than kings; and on occasion they have been known to eat and talk with unbusinesslike outsiders. As a direct result of this human trait, we have been enabled to acquire an idea of their attitude toward the various people who condescend to advise them from time to time. We regret to say that they sometimes fail to be overwhelmed with gratitude for the voluntary assistance proffered them in their pursuit of fortune. They read newspapers because they want to know the news, and it appears they never hope to obtain from them any valuable commercial "tips." When they encounter, as they often do, a consular report in the public press, they read it if they happen to have time and nothing better to do. They entertain the singular idea that business men know their own business, and that few

real business men ever give anything away either to journalists or consuls. Mr. KEEGAN is a business man who seems to have been reading American consular reports for their amusement, as a mental relaxation. Of any other value they may have he is more than sceptical. Their information is neither substantial nor authentic, he says. Mostly it is only optimistic reports that are noticed by the public, but there is another kind that sometimes gets big headlines, "usually consisting of abusive remarks directed against the American manufacturer for his lack of enterprise, or for what is commonly alluded to as 'defective American packing.'" In this connection, Mr. KEEGAN defends the American manufacturer strenuously, but with some carelessness, for later in the same article he remarks, "In the United States, as in other countries, there are two kinds of manufacturers; the one who understands export trade and the one who does not. The former is greatly in the minority, but usually has had sufficient hard, practical experience with foreign trade to be independent of any slight assistance which the Consular Report might possibly give him." Evidently the Consular Reports that have earned Mr. KEEGAN's contempt still have a future, as the American manufacturers who are ignorant constitute the great majority. Still, though admittedly incompetent, they ought not to be abused. "No European government," remarks Mr. KEEGAN of Manila, "makes a business of publishing allegations against its manufacturers for the world to read."

We certainly have never met with such a statement as that the majority of British manufacturers do not understand the export trade, and we do not expect to. But then the British manufacturer as a rule depends, not on Consular and journalistic advice, but on the suggestions and demands of his agents or importing representatives, who have expert knowledge that they do not distribute broadcast. Mr. KEEGAN has not quite realized this. His opinion is that "sensible assistance is given to their manufacturers by the British and German governments and to their manufacturers only." This time the italics are Mr. KEEGAN's. Their systems of obtaining information regarding trade opportunities might well be copied by our government. Our impression is that the system and source of such information is identical in Britain and America, except that America gives its "hearsay information" gratis, while Britain charges a penny for it. To business men, if we may believe business men, it has about equal value. What Mr. KEEGAN says of American consular reports, that they are compiled as a matter of duty by men who have had no business training, that they consist for the most part of statistics of no practical value, and that they are usually based on inadequate enquiry among the right sources, has been said over and over again of British Consular reports also. For instance, the following passage is startlingly like one that regularly does duty in the British press: "A Lukong was placed before Mr. Hazelton at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of interfering with the course of justice in an extradition case. The man, whose extradition was sought by the Chinese Government for armed robbery, alleged that the Lukong drove his mother away from the Magistracy and that he was thereby prevented from getting witness. The old lady however failed to identify the Lukong when placed among a number of others and in the witness box declared that the man in the dock was not the Lukong who sent her away. Mr. Hazelton did not carry the proceedings further and discharged the Lukong, telling him he was in no way to blame."

A Chinaman was at the Magistracy yesterday sentenced to six months' imprisonment and six hours stocks for demanding money by menace. On Tuesday night he challenged a native and declared that he was a policeman. The man was carrying a bundle which the policeman asserted was stolen property and that the man had better accompany him to the police station. As an afterthought, he suggested that trouble might be averted by paying 50 cents, which the other, however, declined to part with. The defendant was not to be shaken off and followed his victim to the house, and the latter becoming frightened handed over the money sent to him. However the old policeman fell into the hands of the police and he was punished as stated. This is his third conviction for similar offences."

A French bluejacket got into trouble on Tuesday when under the influence of liquor and had to appear before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday. He entered a ricksha and when the coolie did not take him where he wished to go he got out of it and beat him. Then a policeman took them both to the Police Station where the Frenchman still refused to pay for the hire of the ricksha. Instead he charged the coolie with having stolen \$10 from him. When the case was heard it transpired that the defendant wished the coolie to go up Wyndham Street and as the latter refused he got out and beat him. He further declared that he gave the coolie ten dollars out of which to take his fare and the latter did not return it. The defendant was fined three dollars for disorderly conduct and one dollar for refusing to pay ricksha hire and was ordered to pay 20 cents compensation. The charge against the coolie was withdrawn.

The intimation that Mr. James Glanvra Thomson, Crommyloof, only surviving grandson of Burns, is likely to be granted a Civil List pension has been received with much satisfaction by admirers of our national bard, says a Glasgow paper. Mr. Thomson, who is in his eightieth year, has been in somewhat reduced circumstances for a considerable time. Nine years ago an appeal was made to the public on his behalf, and £175 was raised, while a further sum of over £200 was subscribed in 1906 as the result of an effort that made to provide him annuity for him. Since then a number of influential gentlemen have interested themselves in the matter, with the view of securing a Civil List pension. In this connection it may be recalled that in July of last year Mrs. Sarah Burns Hutchison and Miss Annie Beckett Burns Cheltenham, were granted Civil List pensions of £100 each in consideration of the eminence of their grandfather.

There are in the United States some fifty-three races, and among the conclusions drawn by Mr. J. Graham Brooks from a study of their conditions, and stated in a lecture at the School of Sociology and Social Economics, Dennis House, was that they were of great economic advantage to the country. America benefited by the incursion of a number of immigrants already reared, at a cost of 400 or 500 dollars, up to the age at which they could become producers of wealth. The fears that they would lower the standard of living had been falsified. He referred to the prejudice against Japanese, Chinese, and Hindus, remarking that this was a difficulty that was spreading to Canada and was very likely to be a source of trouble. The immigrants had established a number of little industries that had added greatly to the general prosperity, such as the fruit gardens of the Japanese and Chinese on the Pacific coast. A better state of things would result from the study of racial problems which was being undertaken by certain scientific societies. He anticipated that prejudice would be abolished through a more general understanding, and that the races would be able to work together to the general advantage.

Mr. Evan Ormiston, manager of the Mercantile Bank of India Limited, Hongkong, yesterday received a telegram from the Head Office, stating that at the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders of the Bank the Directors will recommend a dividend of 6 per cent per annum on "A and B" shares free of income tax, that £40,000 be added to reserve fund; £2,000 to Officers' Pension fund; and £24,600 be carried forward.

Mr. S. T. Kong, B.S., A.M., a graduate of Columbia University and also a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, gives an illustrated lecture on the subject of mining at the Chinese Central Y.M.C.A. this (Thursday) evening. After his graduation Mr. Kong had experience in many mine establishments in the Eastern States of America. Lately he was appointed by the Chinese Imperial Government as Mining and Metallurgical Engineer to Hunan, China, and is now on his way there.

The season of fog is now with us. On

Tuesday night the harbour was practically

cut off by a dense fog which naturally

interfered a good deal with navigation.

Vessels to and from Canton had rather an

anxious time, and several were delayed

very considerably. There was an in-

cessant ringing of bells and a continuous

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The chairman and council of the Japan Society gave a conference at the Hôtel Métropole on March 3rd. The Japanese Ambassador, the president of the society, received the guests, who included most of the members of the Japanese Embassy, the Chinese Minister, Lord Redesdale, Lord and Lady Strathearn, Lord Kinnaid, Lady Wolsley, Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, Lady Seton, Admiral Sir Archibald and Lady Douglas, Vice-Admiral Sir R. Custance, Sir Trevor and Lady Lawrence, Sir Ernest Satow, General Sir J. J. and Lady Raines, Count H. Matsu, C.V.O., the Hon. Mrs. Campion, Major-General Sir Alfred Turner, Major-General Shiba, General Fagan, Sir J. R. and Lady Parkinson, Sir George Chan (Secretary of the Chinese Legation), Sir Hayter Chubb, Sir Hiram Wilkinson, Mr. Ivan Joseph and Lady Dimondale, Sir Thomas and Lady Jackson, Sir A. and Lady Trendell, Sir Walter and Lady Wilkin, Captain Tochima, C.V.O., Sir L. A. Imaida, Chevalier and Mme. de Martino, Mr. J. Sakata (Imperial Japanese Consul-General), Sir Albert Rorlit, Mr. Wakatani (Vice-Minister of Finance in Japan), Professor and Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. S. Matsudaira, Mr. Sheriff Wakefield, Mr. W. Greville (chairman of the council), Mr. Marcus Huish (vice-chairman of the council), Mr. W. Harding Smith (Hon. Librarian), and Mr. K. Nojima and Mr. J. P. Esid (Hon. secretaries). The banqueting hall where the reception took place, was decorated with the Japanese and English flags. Music was performed in the drawing-room by the Métropole Orchestra, and in the reception-room by the Bijou Orchestra. There was an exhibition of Kukkukens in the King's room, and Mr. Percy French gave an entertainment in the drawing-room.

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LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The appended rounds have been completed in the lawn tennis tournament in progress at the Hongkong Cricket Club:

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Second Round.—H. R. Phelps and Dr. J. M. Atkinson (owe 15/3) v. H. R. Makin and T. E. Pearce (owe 15/2), 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; C. E. Shields and A. S. Kemptor (owe 3/6) v. W. H. Purcell and W. King (owe 1/6), 6-4, 6-4; R. Hancock and H. Hancock (owe 4/1) v. W. F. Brewer and E. A. Williams (owe 3/6), 6-1, 6-0; H. W. Sayer and S. E. Green (owe 15/2) v. R. B. Beattie and E. A. Leggatt (owe 5/6).

SINGLE HANDICAP.

First Round.—(B. Class)—R. R. Turner (owe 30) v. H. G. Battiscombe (owe 5/6), 6-3, 6-1; C. B. Frank (rec. 1/6) v. A. B. Blunn (arr. 1/2), 6-2, 6-2; Major Stephenson (scr.) v. S. F. Kilkenny (owe 15), 6-2, 6-3; A. W. Polglase (rec. 1/6) v. C. E. Shields (owe 15/3), 6-2, 6-2; E. L. Krause (owe 15/4), 6-1; G. W. Sayer (owe 15/2), 6-3, 6-4; G. L. Hales (owe 15/3) v. F. A. Biden (owe 30), 6-7, 7-5; Dr. Koch (owe 15/5) v. B. Newall Wilson (rec. 3/6), 6-1, 6-1; Major Stephenson (scr.) v. D. Atkinson (owe 30), 6-1, 6-1; W. King (owe 30) v. E. C. Hagen (owe 15/3), 6-3, 6-1; T. H. King (owe 15/3) v. P. Jacks (scr.), 6-2, 6-3; B. Sayer (owe 15/2) received forfeit from C. B. Johnson; R. O. Hutchison (owe 15/3) v. R. P. Carter (owe 15), 7-5, 6-1; A. O. Brown (owe 15/5) v. F. H. H. Stevens (scr.), 6-2, 6-3; A. S. Kemptor (owe 5/6) v. A. W. J. Peake (owe 15), 6-0, 6-2; W. F. Brewer (owe 15/4) v. L. F. Campbell (owe 15/5), 6-2, 6-2.

THE SILENT RIFLE.

INVENTOR ON ITS AWFUL POSSIBILITIES.

Mr. Hiram Percy Maxim, the young inventor of the silent firearm, is accustomed to the enterprise of modern journalism, and readily assented to grant a long distance telephone interview when from the "Daily Mail" office in New York a correspondent called him up at his pretty suburban villa at Hartford, Connecticut.

"In the official record of the patent office at Washington," he said, "my new device covers twenty-three claims. Briefly I may describe it as follows. In the barrel of the rifle or revolver is arranged a piston valve which flies transversely across the bore. This valve is operated by the gases themselves instead of by any mechanical motion from the breech block. It prevents the sudden escape and exploding of the barrel near the muzzle.

"The timing of this operation is made extremely accurate by the bullet, which in its passage uncovers a chamber in the barrel and furnishes the pressure necessary to operate the transverse piston valve. The device is extremely simple, and does not alter the appearance of the rifle or revolver except for a small cross piece in the barrel near the muzzle.

"When," I asked, "will the invention be on the market?"

"Well," replied Mr. Maxim thoughtfully, "the Government has granted me a patent, but just what is being done in the way of manufacture I prefer not to discuss. The fact is, both the United States Army and Government realize that the new weapon has such awful possibilities that the very important question has arisen as to how to prevent it getting into the hands of the criminal classes. The moral responsibility associated with such a weapon is most terrible."

"Armed with the new gun, anyone can discharge a bullet with the same velocity and accuracy as guns now in use. An assassin firing it in the open air behind a hedge, let us say, would escape with scarcely any risk of detection, for the noise of passing horses or passing carriages would completely drown the sharp hissing sound made by the new weapon. It would not even be possible to know what killed the victim until after a careful examination of the body."

"This being so, you will readily imagine that I feel appalled at the thought of the use to which the invention may be put. But I could not help myself, for I have the unfortunate inventive streak. The idea came to me as the result of an accident, and had I not patented it someone else would have developed it, for it was bound to come. But as I realize that the invention threatens the peace and order of the country I am leaving the Government to decide how it is to be applied."

JEWISH TERRITORIAL MOVEMENT.

Mr. Lucien Wolf, Mr. Israel Zangwill, Mr. A. M. Langdon, K.C., the Rev. A. A. Green, and other speakers delivered addresses at the annual meeting of the Central London Branch of the Jewish Territorial Organisation. Mr. Lucien Wolf, who presided, declared last year as a tranquil one, though he said, the miseries of Russian Jewry had become intensified. The Jewish question had for the time been removed from the field of practical politics in Russia, and reaction was once more triumphant. The Jewish Territorial Organisation had not yet found the Promised Land in which the Jewish race could have a journey of its own, but they had fished out the problem thoroughly and would not cease from their labours until they found the right solution. He referred to the criticism of the organisation by the Zionists, who he complained, had maligned them in a most disgraceful way. Mr. Zangwill also alluded to the criticism of the Zionists. Pious Jews, he said, like Lord Swinburne, told them that they must suffer, and must rely on Providence. Lord Swinburne's motto was "Swing, don't sink." Had Lord Swinburne followed this pious reliance on Providence he would not have ended in the House of Lords, but in the workhouse. In these days of earth-hunger white man's country would not be long in the market. The area available for Jewish settlement now was only half what it was in the days of the first Zionist Congress. Expert opinion was practically unanimous in pointing to a territory in North Africa as the most suitable for settlement.

GYMKHANA PROGRAMME.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

CHINAMAN IN BRITISH SHIPS.

The programme for next Saturday's Gymkhana meeting is as follows:

ONCE ROUND.—For China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this Season 19-7-1908 and all Ponies entered in the Hongkong Griffin Stakes and The Tientsin Stakes at the Hongkong Jockey Club Meeting 1908. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lbs extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra. Non-winning placed Ponies allowed 2 lbs. Unplaced runners allowed 1 lb. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lbs. Entrance fee 35. 1st Prize: The Tree Cup, presented 2nd Prize: \$25. (Entrance fees to go to winner).

st. lbs.

Mr. J. Armstrong's Shirkie... 15 6
Mr. Bruton's Lowlander... 15 7
Mr. F. B. Deacon's Lyn (late Butter-
punch)... 15 3

Mr. M'Donnell's Chota Sahib (late
Gum Tree)... 14 7

Mr. Medico's Sofrano Rose... 15 7

Dr. J. W. Noble's Strathairn... 15 0

Mr. Wolf's Hampshire (late Kirkini-
ch)... 15 4

GYMKHANA STAKES—Value \$80. Distance
One Mile. For all China Ponies. Catch
weights at 10st. 6lbs. Winners of an open
race or open Griffin race 5lbs. extra. Non-
winning Subscription Griffins allowed 5lbs.

Jockeys who have not won more than two
official races in Hongkong, Shanghai or
Tientsin allowed 5lbs. A Cup called the
Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the end
of the Season to be won by the Pony scoring
most marks in the races for the Gymkhana

Stakes at the Gymkhana Meetings during
the Season, counting 4 points for a first; 2
for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit
of marks already scored to pass with the Pony
on a mile. Any winner of the race to carry
5lbs. extra for each win in subsequent starts
for the race, but in the event of a Pony
carrying the penalty not winning, 2lbs. to be
deducted next time he starts. Such 2lbs. to
remain deducted until he wins again when he
will carry the full penalties without deduction.
Penalties accumulative up to 15lbs. Entrance
fee 35. 2nd Prize: \$25. Half entrance fees
to go to winner.

st. lbs.

Mr. Bruton's Nutmeg (late Nutmeg
(Tree)... 15 1

Mr. D. Dorabjee's Rubber Tree... 15 1

Mr. Dryasdust's Coxcomb... 15 1

Mr. Do. Earthquake (late
Pine Tree)... 15 1

Mr. Haridose's Grey Tick... 14 6

Misses. Hough & Shaw's Sidler
Dhu... 14 6

Mr. R. F. C. Master's Blue Nile... 15 1

Mr. May's Astral... 15 1

Dr. J. W. Noble's Baluchi Chief... 15 6

Mr. Rolson's Homeric... 15 1

LADIES' NOMINATION.—Tilting the ring.

Nominating Lady to stand at a given point.
Gentlemen nominated to gallop past carrying
a lance, as he gallops past nominating Lady
to throw a ring which gentleman nominated
will endeavour to catch on his lance. Best
of 3 runs. Points will be given for number
of rings caught and for pace. Entrance fee
\$3. 1st and 2nd Prizes presented by the Club.

Post Entries.

THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE FLAT RACE—
For China Ponies Subscription Griffins

of any Season which have never won
an official race. Unplaced runners allowed

3 lbs. To be ridden by Jockeys who have
not won more than two official races in

Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin. Weight
for inches as scale. Entrance fee \$5. 1st
prize: "The Exit Cup" presented. 2nd prize:

st. lbs.

Mr. J. Armstrong's Shirkie... 15 8

Mr. W. G. Clarke's Abstainer (late
Drueckeburgh)... 15 2

Mr. F. B. Deacon's Lyn (late Butter-
punch)... 15 5

Mr. Dryasdust's Serasingapatam... 14 6

Mr. M'Donnell's Chota Sahib (late
Gum Tree)... 14 9

WELTER RACE—Half a Mile. For all China
Pony hacks passed as such by the Committee
of the Club. To be ridden by riders who
have never ridden in an official race in Hong-
kong or China. Catch weights over 13st.
Open to members of the Jockey Club and
members of both Services as well as to mem-
bers of the Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee
\$3. 1st Prize: A Cup, presented. 2nd Prize:

1-Lieut. G. Blawthwick's... 15 6

2-Commandr. A. V. Campbell's... 15 6

3-Mr. Charles'... 15 6

4-Mr. F. S. Clarke's... 15 6

5-Mr. Dryasdust's... 15 6

6-Mr. W. B. Elwes'... 15 6

7-Mr. G. L. Maxwell's... 15 6

8-Mr. G. E. Morris'... 15 6

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WE have This Day revoked the Power of Attorney given by us to Mr. O. STOLTZ, AAGAARD, THORESEN & CO., Hongkong, 24th March, 1908. 654

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day severed my Connection with MESSRS. C. V. PUSTAU & CO., Canton and have left their Canton Office, which is now in charge of MR. E. LEHMANN, O. BECKER.

Canton, 30th March, 1908. 655

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908. 656

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1908. 657

THE HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season will be held at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 4th April, 1908, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

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On TUESDAY, the 31st March:—

From Stonecutter's in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 P.M. and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the following day.

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1908. 615

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October 29 as follows:—S. Nigretia. Reinsurance has been effected as required. There is some doubt as to the meaning of "waranted no contraband of war." It is understood that cargo oil, kerosine, only, are guaranteed not contraband. It is of utmost importance, or otherwise 30 guineas per cent." The meaning of this telegram was that the underwriters of the cargo oil, kerosine only, were guaranteed that the Japanese Courts might not regard kerosine as contraband, and that they required the plaintiff company to guarantee that it was not contraband, intimating that in the absence of such a guarantee the premium would be 30 guineas per cent. This telegram was answered by the Shanghai office on October 31 as follows:—S. Nigretia. Cargo oil, kerosine only. We will guarantee that Council for Japan has to-day written British Consul that kerosine not regarded contraband by Japanese Government it shipped anywhere cannot give further guarantee. Steamer clears Vladivostok. Are you satisfied?" This telegram was shown by the London office to the different underwriters and was accepted as satisfactory. The slip which up to this point had contained in this connexion only the words "waranted no contraband" was then amended by adding to those words the further words, "on basis as per cable dated October 31, 1904," and the signatures to the slip initialled by the defendant company underwrote "as to identify it." The defendant company underwrote £2,000. The premium was agreed at 15 guineas per cent. Subsequently—namely, December 13, 1904—the defendant issued their formal policy on which the present action is brought. The policy, following the terms of the slip, contains the following provision:—"Waranted no contraband of war on basis of cable dated October 31, 1904, copy of which attached hereto, and pinned to the policy in a typed copy of the telegram. The policy further provides as follows:—"Being a reinsurance of the Yangtze Insurance Association (Limited), subject to the same clauses and conditions as in the original policy and to pay as may be paid thereon (but waranted free from particular average) and all clauses as in the original policy, including war risk." At this time a state of war existed between Russia and Japan, and on December 19, 1904, while on the insured voyage to Vladivostok, the Nigretia was captured by a Japanese cruiser and taken to the port of Sasebo in Japan, where she was condemned by the Japanese Prize Court. The circumstances under which she was condemned appear from the judgment of the Prize Court. This judgment finds that on December 16, 1904, two Russian naval officers, who had assumed German names, were received on board the Nigretia at Shanghai as passengers to Vladivostok. There was no proof that the captain or owners of the vessel knew that these two persons were Russian officers, but on the other hand the Court found that there was no proof that they were ignorant of the fact, and the Court held that the ship "must be confiscated as the vessel was actually engaged in transporting contraband persons." The plaintiffs have paid or compounded on the original policy as for a total loss, and they now bring their action on the reinsurance policy to be indemnified by the defendant. The defendant say they are not liable because there has been a breach of warranty, "no contraband of war on basis of cable of October 31, 1904," and the question resolves itself into this:—Are contraband persons contraband of war within the meaning of the warranty? I am of opinion that they are not. Contraband of war is an expression which, in ordinary language, is used to describe certain classes of material and does not cover human beings. Many text writers on international law have no doubt used the expression "contraband persons," but I think I am right in saying that such words are not to be found in any English case, and certainly not in such connexion as to show that they describe a class of contraband of war. The most recent text writers treat persons as outside any accepted definition of contraband. The transport of "contraband persons" may no doubt in some cases involve the same consequences to the ship as the carriage of contraband, but so may other acts on the part of the ship, as, for instance, transmitting information to the enemy. It would, in my opinion, be wrong to say that because the same result may follow in one case as in the other, therefore the two cases are identical and may be covered by one definition. The Japanese Court carefully avoided describing these officers as "contraband of war," and used the somewhat novel, but for their purpose sufficient, expression "contraband persons." The view which I take of this matter is well expressed in the fifth edition of the late Mr. Hall's treatise on International Law, at p. 673, where he says:—"With the transport of contraband merchandise is usually classed analogically that of despatches bearing on the conduct of the war, and of persons in the service of a belligerent. It is, however, more correct and more convenient to place adventures of this kind under a distinct head, the analogy which they possess to the carriage of articles contraband of war being always remote. They differ from it in some cases by involving an intimacy of connexion with the belligerent which cannot be inferred from the mere transport of contraband of war, and in others by implying a purely accidental and almost involuntary association with him. They are invariably something distinctly more or something distinctly less than the transport of contraband amounts to. When they are of the former character they may be undertaken for profit alone, but they are not in the way of mere trade. The neutral individual is not only taking his goods for sale to the best market, irrespective of the effect which their sale to a particular customer may have on the issue of the war, but he makes a specific bargain to carry despatches or persons in the service of the belligerent for belligerent purposes, and thus enters the service of the belligerent. He contracts as a servant to the war, and he keeps himself in effect the enemy of the other belligerent. In doing so he does not compromise the neutrality of his own Sovereign, because the non-neutral acts are either as a matter of fact done beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the latter, or if committed within it, as sometimes is the case in carrying despatches, they are of too secret a nature to be as a general rule, known or prevented. Hence the belligerent is allowed to protect himself by means analogous to those which he uses in the suppression of contraband trade. He stops the trade by force, and inflicts a penalty on the neutral individual. The real analogy between carriage of contraband and acts of the kind in question lies not in the nature of the acts, but in the nature of the remedy applicable in respect of them. When

the acts done are of the second kind, the belligerent has no right to look upon them as being otherwise than innocent in intention.

When again a neutral in the way of his ordinary business holds himself out as a common carrier, willing to transport everybody who may come to him for a certain sum of money from one specified place to another, he cannot be supposed to identify himself specially with belligerent persons in the service of the State who take passage with him." A little further on, at p. 682, when examining the terms of the despatches which passed between Great Britain and the United States of America in connection with the Trent case, Mr. Hall points out that whereas Admiralty Courts have power to try claims to contraband goods they have no power to try claims concerning contraband persons, and he adds:—"To say that Admiralty Courts have no means of rendering a judgment in favour of or against persons alleged to be contraband, or of determining what disposition is to be made of them, is to say that persons have not been treated as contraband. If they are contraband Courts must have power to deal with them." I agree that my interpretation makes it difficult to say to what the warranty would apply, having regard to the fact that the policy already contained a warranty that the cargo should consist of kerosine only; but this difficulty ought not, in my opinion, to induce me to depart from what I am satisfied is the plain meaning of the words, and the sense in which they are always understood among underwriters and merchants. There must be judgment for the plaintiffs.

On the application of Mr. Maurice Hill, a stay was granted with the view to an appeal.

LAWS OF MARRIAGE.

NEW CATHOLIC DECREE.

The Manila Conference states:—

The new laws of the Catholic church governing the engagements and marriages of Catholics will be promulgated in all the local churches of that denomination within a short time and they will go into effect Easter Sunday.

Under the new regulations engagements of Catholics are not considered valid unless made in writing and signed by the two principal parties and the parish priest or two witnesses.

Marriages of Catholics are regarded by the church as valid unless they are performed by a Catholic priest or ordinary in the presence of two witnesses. Previously the marriages of Catholics by Protestant ministers or by legal officers was considered valid, although such ceremonies laid the contracting couple open to excommunication from the church.

The new laws were made by the sacred congregation of the council, under instructions from Pope Pius X.

The decree begins by reciting the reasons for its adoption. It declares that under the old laws regarding marriages there have been many anomalies, which were null because of lack of definite instructions on some points. To remedy the defects and adopt some modifications the preparation of the new law was ordered.

Regarding engagements the new law says: "Only those are considered valid and produce canonical effects which have been contracted in writing, signed by both parties and by either the parish priest or the ordinary of the diocese, or at least by two witnesses." The law also provides that if either of the parties cannot write, that fact must be noted in the agreement and another witness required.

Regarding marriage the decree says: "Only those marriages are valid which are contracted before the parish priest or by the ordinary of the place or by a priest designated by either the parish priest or the ordinary of the diocese, or at least two witnesses, in accordance with rules later laid down."

The law says that a priest may validly assist at a wedding only after he has entered upon his office, only within the limits of the territory to which he is assigned and when asked by the contracting parties. They act similarly the decree says, after they have ascertained the free status of the contracting parties and after they have learned that one of the contracting parties has a domicile or has lived for a month in the place where the ceremony is performed. If this latter condition is not met, the consent of the parish priest in the parish where either of the contracting parties does live must be given.

The law provides that "in every case let it be held as the rule that the marriage is to be celebrated before the parish priest of the bride, unless some just cause excuses from this."

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

AJAX, British str., 4,478 Bruce Husband, 31st March—Shanghai 26th March, General Butterfield & Swire.
CHONGMING, British str., 1,230, F. Wheeler, 31st March—Tientsin 24th March, General Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MIRAY, Dutch str., 1,697, E. Uddal, 1st April—Singapore 24th May, General Chinese.
PAKLAT, German str., 1,018, J. Wenzel, 31st March—Bangkok 24th March, Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.

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1st April.

PAUSANG, British str., for Saigon.
Hupan, British str., for Howhoo.
Laures, British str., for Saigon.
Sakura Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Wuking, Dutch str., for Shanghai.
Wakamatsu Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.
Yamato, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

1st April.
AJAX, British str., for Saigon.
ARABOON ARCA, British str., for Singapore.
AWA MARI, Japanese str., for Singapore.
TAKUMA MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
HAIFAN, French str., for Pahko.
HALVARD, Norwegian str., for Singapore.
HONOMON, British str., for Amoy.
KITA MARI, Japanese str., for Yokohama.
KUNIVASO, German str., for Howhoo.
MONMOUTHSHIRE, British str., for Bangkok.
NORTHWICK, British str., for Taku.
TINOSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
TIRODAS, Dutch str., for Yokohama.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Ajax* reports: Dense fog from Kinsan Island to Tung Yung and from Pedro Blanco to Hongkong, weather fine, sea smooth, wind S.E.

The British str. *Chongming* reports: From Taku Bar to Saddles, fine clear weather and light North-easterly winds. Saddles to Port intermediate fog and light variable winds.

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The Devona, with the English mail of the 6th March, left Singapore on Saturday, the 28th March, at 4.30 p.m. and may be expected here to-day, at 7 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 4th February and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 26th February, and for despatch overland on the 4th March.

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| Shanghai | 2nd, 5.00 P.M. | |
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THE GERMAN MAIL.

The T.G.M. str. Holzen left Manila on Monday, the 30th ult. at 5 p.m. and may be expected here to-day at 4 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. York carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 10th ult. left Colombo on Saturday, the 28th ult. a.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 7th inst.

The I.G.M. str. Prinzess Alice left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, the 29th ult. p.m. and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 7th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Great Northern R.R. Coy's str. Minnesota left Shanghai for this port on the 30th ult. and is expected here to-day.

The T.K.K. str. America Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 27th ult. and is expected here on the 5th inst.

The P.M. str. Siberia sailed from Yokohama on the 23rd ult. and will be due at this port on the 7th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-Chin str. Laisong from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 31st ult. at 5 p.m.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan left Vancouver B.C. for Hongkong (via usual ports of call) on Wednesday, the 18th ult. p.m.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The Danish str. Indian left Singapore on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult. and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

The H.A.L. str. Leasbark left Singapore on the 26th ult. at 1 p.m. and may be expected here to-day p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Hitachi Maru (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult. and is expected here to-day.

The H.A.L. str. Silesia left Singapore on the 29th ult. at 7 a.m. and may be expected here on the 4th inst. a.m.

The Ben Line str. Benalder from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 29th ult. for this port.

The N.G.I. str. Leavenza left Singapore for this port on the 30th ult. and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Tosa Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 27th ult. and is expected here on the 5th inst.

The Danish str. Truengeber left Kobe yesterday, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 6th inst.

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The A.P.C. str. A. C. Croes and Y. Horita left Asia for London &c. Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson Mr. and Mrs. Butcher and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. C. W. Mark, Mrs. Stewart and 2 children, Mrs. McIntyre, Misses Woodcock (2), Damer, E. B. Ribby, Ward, W. Sercombe, S. Knight, G. B. Boor, R. McGrath, Fiers, Volkart, M. Lane, Cleinow, A. S. Devin, A. J. Gough, A. D. J. A. Gongh, A. C. Croes and Y. Horita.

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